

Remarks

This Reply is in response to the Final Office Action mailed November 27, 2007.

I. Summary of Examiner's Rejections

Prior to the Office Action mailed November 27, 2007, Claims 1-4 and 6-18 were pending in the Application. In the Office Action, Claims 1-4 and 6-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101. Claims 1-4 and 6-18 were also rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Shimizu et al. (US Patent 6,374,271) (hereinafter "Shimizu"), and in view of Newman et al. (US Patent 6,154,600) (hereinafter "Newman"), and further in view of Rutledge (USPA Pub 2004/0054627) (hereinafter "Rutledge").

II. Summary of Applicant's Amendments

The present Reply amends Claims 1, 3-4, 6, and 8-11; cancels Claims 2, 5, 7, 13-18; and adds Claims 19-32; all as shown above. Applicant respectfully reserves the right to prosecute any originally presented or canceled claims in a continuing or future application.

III. Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §101

In the Office Action, Claims 1-4 and 6-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being directed to non-statutory matter.

In response, the relevant claims have been amended to include "computer-implemented method" in place of "method" to overcome the rejection as suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

IV. Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

In the Office Action, Claims 1-4 and 6-18 were also rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Shimizu, and in view of Newman, and further in view of Rutledge.

Claim 1

Claim 1 has been amended by the current Reply to more clearly define the embodiment therein. As amended, Claim 1 defines:

A computer-implemented method for processing media and configuring program properties associated with the media for a digital document, comprising:

providing a collection basket tool interface for configuring program properties, the collection basket tool interface comprising a program basket workspace and an auxiliary workspace, wherein the program basket workspace comprises a plurality of program slots and the auxiliary workspace comprises at least one media configuration tool;

receiving user input to select the media to import using the media configuration tool;

importing the media selected by the user;

generating at least one program and one or more program properties associated with the imported media, wherein each program is a program object and each program property is an object, wherein each program object references at least one program property object;

creating a program element to represent each generated program, wherein each program element is displayed within separate program slots of the program basket workspace; and

editing the programs and properties based on user input obtained through the collection basket tool interface.

Shimizu discloses a hypermedia authoring system that enables an author to generate a document using a goals outline and a presentation outline. The goals outline organizes the information content of the document contained in cards in a logical structure while the presentation outline is directed to a physical appearance of the document. Shimizu, 1:43-50. The hypermedia authoring system can display the goals outline or the presentation outline in the form of Bento-boxes. Shimizu, Fig. 8. The author uses the display shown in Fig. 8 to link each of the slot types of the instantiated document prototype to a specific card, thus connecting information content of a card to a specific goals outline element. By using the goals outline display, an author generates the goals outline and connects each element in the goals outline with the hypermedia information in a logical structure. Shimizu, 6:29-36.

Newman discloses a non-linear editing system for home audio and video applications. "By eliminating the need for a costly personal computer, the present invention enables the incorporation of conventional home entertainment components, such as VCRs, camcorders and compact disc players, into an economical, stand-alone, non-linear hypermedia editing system. Newman, 3:48-53. The invention provides a graphical user interface to edit hypermedia portions to form a motion picture clip. Newman, 3:45-4:5.

Rutledge discloses a system and method identifying, organizing, and cataloging printed and electronic media information. This is accomplished through the introduction of a universal media identification system that entails the placement of an identification tag on each article of printed and

electronic information. Rutledge, ¶ 58. In an embodiment, a graphical-user-interface ("GUI") is utilized that allows the user to navigate through locally stored media IDs, initiate search queries for local and remote media and media IDs, and retrieve articles of media and media IDs.

Applicant's invention embodied in Claim 1 is not anticipated by any of the cited references and the differences between the claimed subject matter of Claim 1 would not have been obvious at the time of the invention to a person having ordinary skill in the art in light of the cited references. Applicant's invention embodied in Claim 1 imports media selected by the user, and then, through a computer-implemented process, generates program objects and program property objects associated with the imported media, wherein each program object references at least one program property object. None of the cited references appear to disclose a computer-implemented method of generating program objects and program property objects from an imported media. Moreover, the method embodied in Claim 1 is further able to then edit those generated programs and program properties. In the Office Action, it was stated that Shimizu and Newman both do not explicitly teach, "said media configuration tool including a collection of tools capable of searching for, retrieving, importing, configuring and managing said one or more program properties included in the at least one program." Nevertheless, Rutledge was cited as disclosing a media configuration tool capable of performing those tasks. The cited sections of Rutledge, however, do not disclose a method of using the referenced GUI to edit the media properties. The GUI in Rutledge is used to search, sort and manage the download and transfer of media IDs and associated electronic documents. Rutledge, ¶ 319. Accordingly, Rutledge does not teach the method set forth in Claim 1.

In view of the comments provided above, Applicant respectfully submits that the embodiment defined by Claim 1 is neither anticipated by, nor obvious in view of the cited reference, and reconsideration thereof is respectfully requested.

Claims 3-4, 6, 8-12

Claims 3-4, 6, 8-12 are not addressed separately but it is respectfully submitted that these claims are allowable as depending from an allowable independent claim and further in view of the amendments to the independent claim, and the comments provided above. Applicant respectfully submits that these Claims are similarly neither anticipated by, nor obvious in view of the cited references, and reconsideration thereof is respectfully requested. It is also submitted that these claims also add their own limitations which render them patentable in their own right. Applicant respectfully reserves the right to argue these limitations should it become necessary in the future.

Claims 19-32

Claims 19-32 are newly added claims. Applicant respectfully submits that the embodiments defined by Claims 15-18 are neither anticipated by, nor obvious in view of the cited reference, or any other references.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application should be allowable, and reconsideration thereof is respectfully requested. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned if he can assist in any way in expediting issuance of a patent.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

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